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HCA CELEBRATES HOMECOMING WITH SPIRIT, TRADITION, AND CROWNING MOMENTS!

By: James Isaminger and Ryan Reaves



On the week of January 24th, it was Homecoming time with fun dress up days and games throughout the week. The festivities were run by SGA and brought the school spirit together.

On Tuesday, we were able to see everyone's favorite teams and players on Jersey Day, and at lunchtime it was time for everyone's favorite, dodgeball. The competition was on with the 6th and 7th graders getting blown away by the 8th graders who advanced to the championship. The freshmen dominated the seniors with their will power and were victorious. Then it was the juniors and sophomores turn, the juniors were undermatched with 5 people vs 8. James Isaminger won for the juniors in a 1 person vs 3 at the end. After the match Isaminger said, "I just have too much aura to lose."

The freshmen rallied together and took down the juniors in the finals, so obviously his aura was overestimated. The 8th graders overcame the much bigger freshmen and won the dodgeball championship.

Wednesday was Pajama Day, and let's just say... everyone was dozing off in chapel! With Gaga ball as the game at lunch it was quick for the 6th graders to come out victorious over the rest of the middle school. The highschool went quick until it was the sophomores vs seniors with the sophomores rallying together to win their first game.

Thursday was the teacher-student swap day and there were some hilarious outfits, with not 1, not 2, but 3 Mrs. Barbers, and many Mr. Crawleys and Mr. Wahlmans. The funniest, and by far the best, was Mrs. Harris and James Isaminger who had everyone fooled with her dressing as him and him as the teacher. The laughs and crazy outfits were all fun.



The 10th grade and 8th grade teams both went undefeated in the Foosball tournament, setting up an intense final showdown. In the end, Andrew Passmore's dominant skills proved too much for the 8th graders, securing the championship for the 10th grade.

To wrap up the week, upper school gathered for an exciting pep rally, where Mr. Wahlman announced the overall tournament winners. The fun didn't stop there—students enjoyed a hilarious competition to see which basketball player could apply the best blindfolded makeup on the cheerleaders. In the end, 9th grader Levi Tatum took home the victory with his impressive (and messy) skills!

The homecoming basketball game was played against North River on Friday evening. JV won by 20 points and Varsity had a devastating loss by 10 points.

To conclude an incredible Homecoming Week, HCA crowned its Homecoming King, Queen, Prince, and Princess in a special ceremony. This year's Middle School Prince and Princess were 8th graders Jackson Bond and Lily Harris. Reflecting on the moment, Bond shared, "It was a great experience," while Harris added, "It was fun, and I was



very thankful." For the senior class, Matthew Faught and Ava Garrett were honored as Homecoming King and Queen. Faught described the experience as "thrilling," while Garrett expressed, "It was a great honor to be elected Homecoming Queen my senior year."



Eagles News

Winter Sports Senior Night: Honoring Our Athletes and Their Legacy

By: Weston Knott and Leah Pace



The season is winding down for our winter sport seniors, and with it comes the realization that graduation is just around the corner. The finish line is in sight, and we're so proud of their dedication, hard work, and leadership throughout their athletic careers. This year, we have 6 seniors who participated in winter sports and cheer.

On January 9th, Heritage Christian Academy honored its winter sport seniors with a special banquet celebrating their dedication and achievements. The seniors recognized were Luke Aldridge, Ava Garrett, Amber Smith, Anthony Nugent, Maggie Ingram, and Holden Knott.

During the game, the students were escorted out onto the court by their parents while Coach Scherbarth announced their names and a few interesting facts about them, such as their favorite Bible verse and their plans for the future. Aldridge and Smith both were "very glad to be honored on this special day."

After the game concluded, the seniors were honored at a special dinner where family and friends could come and celebrate their accomplishments. Garrett stated, "The parents did a great job planning and preparing everything for us." Ingram thought that, "the food was the best part of senior night."

All of the Seniors seemed to enjoy the night, with Knott summing up the evening as, "good and fun." We wish them all the best of luck in the future. Good luck seniors! Go Soar!





Student Spotlight: Kaylee Frederick

By: Zach Garrett and Gabe Stevens



For the month of January, we are so excited to honor Kaylee Fredrick as the middle school Student feature. Kaylee is one of our remarkable 8th grade students at HCA who constantly exemplifies the Christ-like qualities of kindness, leadership, and a willingness to help others. These characteristics align perfectly with our school's theme verse for the year, Luke 9:23:

"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, and

take up his cross daily and follow Me."

We are so proud of Kaylee and her dedication to living out her faith. Kaylee joined the HCA family 3 years ago as a sixth grader. During her time at HCA, she has participated in volleyball and basketball. Kaylee stated "My favorite thing about HCA is the athletic experience. I like the fact that I have been able to try new sports and have fun with my teammates while doing so."



The Fredricks enjoy being a part of HCA and are active in all the school's events. Kaylee's favorite activity over the years has been Breakfast with Santa. Her favorite subject is math because it is an easy subject for her and comes naturally. Courtney Tincher, Upper School Principal, and Kaylee's Bible teacher, said, "Kaylee is such a joy to teach and have in class. She gives her best effort and works hard to understand difficult material. She doesn't give up when she doesn't understand something, and she is always ready to help others."





In her spare time, Kaylee can be found painting, fishing with her family, and hunting with her uncle. She and her family attend Grace Life Baptist Church. Kaylee says she enjoys going to church because "it is very welcoming and has the best youth pastor in the world."

In everything she does, Kaylee Fredrick shines as a dedicated and hardworking student. Whether she is excelling in her school work, playing volleyball, or going to church, she sets an inspiring example of what it means to live with purpose. We can't wait to see the incredible ways she will continue to grow and make a difference to the world around her in the future.







HCA Youth Basketball Kicks Off Season with Strong Teamwork and Exciting Play

By: Joseph Bristow and Holden Knott

Since December, HCA's youth basketball program has been bringing energy and excitement to the court!

This season has been a blast, with 31 participants competing across three teams: 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, and 5th and 6th grade. These young athletes are building skills, teamwork, and a love for the game.

In order to have a successful youth season, it requires alot of volunteer coaches who have helped these teams. The youth athletics director Kristi Goodman said: "I am grateful for the coaches this season. The athletes have learned a lot, and had a lot of fun

in the process."



Max Findley who is a member of the 1st and 2nd grade team and Sam Stamps who plays on the 3rd and 4th grade team, both said that their season is going "pretty good".

Zack Hamby, a player on the 5th and 6th grade teams, whose dad is also the coach, stated, "We haven't won a game yet but it is fun to play. I have done ok this year".

The season has consisted of 6 games so far, with the season wrapping up on Saturday, February 1st. We are all proud of the hard work and dedication from all the players and the amazing help and support from parents and coaches who have helped make this season a success.

Student Spotlight: Barrett Simpson

By: Tucker Brinks and Anthony Nugent



Barrett exemplifies the Christ-like qualities of kindness, leadership, and academic proficiency that an eagle should possess. When asked about his favorite aspects of HCA, Barrett tells of the small classroom environment and staff being a cozy fit. Barrett is absolutely fascinated by history, it happens to be his favorite subject. He loves to learn about anything that includes World Leaders like Winston Churchill and significant events like WWI. "He is very engaged and knowledgeable in our history class. I have enjoyed having him this semester," history teacher, Ashley Sigler, stated.

While very efficient at history, it's not Barrett's only strong suit. Barrett also happens to be a strong speller. He won the school spelling bee, won the district spelling bee, and placed 3rd in the state competition. Now, that's smarts! In his academic wisdom, Barrett was asked if he could have anything and his response was a time machine that he would use to travel back to the Library of Alexandria before it was burned down. How inquisitive!

Barrett is a big sports fan and fell in love with the Florida Gators when he was young. Barrett saw the gator chomp and loves the atmosphere and fans. Barret describes his dream job as being that of a sports analyst keeping up with games and maybe even commentating. Barret also really loves watching sports, especially baseball. Barrett's hobbies include gaming on his laptop or his Xbox, and taking tae kwon do lessons in which Barrett is a black belt.

We at HCA have high hopes for this shining gem of a 7th grader and are wishing him the best on his journey to high school.













Teacher Spotlight: Tiffany Davis

By: Luke Aldridge and Davis Myers

It takes a special heart to reach out to students and invest in them daily. It takes an even bigger heart to care about their spiritual well-being. Our lower school Fourth Grade teacher, Tiffany Davis, holds those values and so much more. Meet Mrs. Davis!

How long have you taught at HCA? This is my first year teaching at HCA!

What is your favorite thing about teaching 4th Grade? I truly love every part of teaching 4th grade, but I especially enjoy the students and seeing their confidence grow in themselves as they gain more knowledge.

What is your story about how you chose to come to HCA? This school has such an inviting spirit when you walk through the front doors. You could really tell by the kindness from the administration that they truly serve the Lord and I knew I wanted to be a part of that. I feel that the Lord was calling me here to be able to teach the love of Christ daily and be a part of such an amazing team here at HCA and for that I am grateful.

What is your favorite HCA memory? So far, my favorite HCA memory is Penny Drop Week! It was a blast and something I don't think I ever will forget. I truly loved seeing all of the families and students come together alongside the teachers to help them decorate.

What is your favorite sports team? As an Alabama Alumni, I am a HUGE Alabama fan! I don't particularly follow one sport other than Alabama football but I love attending any sports games.

What are some of your hobbies? I enjoy hiking when it's warm, spending time with my 3 boys and family, working out, and just being active.

What's your favorite bible verse? Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,

"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

What's the best advice you have received?

1. If you fail to plan then you plan to fail.

2. Be kind, always- you never know what battles people are fighting that you don't know about

3. It is okay to fail at things, in fact failing and making mistakes are part of personal developmentit's how you see failure and deal with it that's the key.

4. Listen to learn- God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason.

HCA is blessed to have such a strong and kind-hearted teacher on staff. Stay tuned next month to learn more about another teacher!







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